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SUBJ: RWANDAN RECOGNITION PRG/GRUNK

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1. DURING CALL ON RWANDAN PRES HABYARIMANA OCT. 31, AMB RAISED TOPIC USG INTERESTS IN ASIA WITHIN CONTEXT RWANDAN PARTICIPATION INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS. PRESENTATION ON IMPORTANCE TO USG OF DEVELOPMENTS IN INDO-CHINA FOLLOWED LINE CONTAINED PREVIOUS DISCUSSIONS WITH FON MINISTER AND FIRST-PERSON NOTE (KIGALI 0450) ON PRG/GRUNK RECOGNITION.

2. PRESIDENT NOTED HE AWARE OUR VIEWS AND HAD STUDIED MATERIAL GIVEN FONMIN NSEKALIJE. HE REALIZED GOR DECISION RECOGNIZE PRG/GRUNK COULD HAVE "BOTHERSOME IMPACT" ON USG-GOR RELATIONS. FOR THAT REASON, HE HAD "TEMPORIZED" ON RECOGNITION AND (AFTER A SLIGHT HESITATION) ADDED THAT HE "...INTENDED TO CONTINUE TO TEMPORIZE". HOWEVER, HE WISHED USG ALSO TO UNDERSTAND HIS PROBLEM. RWANDA AS A SMALL POOR COUNTRY WILL NOT ASSUME LEADERSHIP ("TAKE A POINT POSITION") ON CONCONFIDENTIAL

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TROVERSIAL MATTERS. HOWEVER, WHEN THE "NON-ALIGNED"

ADOPT A COMMON POSITION, RWANDA AS A NON-ALIGNED AFRICAN STATE IS "ENVELOPED WITHIN IT". HE STRESSED HE IS SUBJECTED TO PRG/GRUNK PRESSURES "ALL THE TIME" AND THAT A RECENT MEETING OF AFRICAN CHIEFS OF STATE (HE DID NOT SPECIFY WHETHER AT OAU, OCAM OR EAST/CENTRAL AFRICANS AT BRAZZAVILLE) HAD "AGREED TO RECOGNIZE SIHANOUK".

- 3. I REPLIED USG AWARE PRESSURES ON RWANDA AND THUS APPRECIATED HIS STATESMANSHIP IN FOREGOING RECOGNITION. I ADDED THAT "FAMILY" OF NON-ALIGNED IS DISPARATE GROUP, THAT IMPORTANT ASIAN NON-ALIGNED ARE SUPPORTING RVN AND GKR AND IT SEEMED EVEN MOST-FERVENT NON-ALIGNED STATES HAD MANEUVERING ROOM ON SPECIFIC ISSUES. HE LAUGHED AND ACCEPTED POINT.
- 4. COMMENT: CONVERSATION CONFIRMS ASSESSMENT CONTAINED REFTEL THAT (A) GOR RECOGNITION GRUNK IS ON SHELF (ALBEIT SHAKY) FOR INDEFINITE PERIOD, (B) RECOGNITION PRG IS LOWER GOR PRIORITY, BUT (C) WE CANNOT EXPECT ACTIVE RWANDAN SUPPORT FOR GKR/PRG IN INTERNATIONAL ORGANIZATIONS.
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